

Barr bill commands little premium value

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HERE ARE ANSWERS to questions received recently from readers.

Q — Please send me information about the value of \$1 bills signed by Joseph W. Barr. — L. B., Postville, Ia. [Similar questions have been received from several others.]

A — Dollar bills with Barr's signature [series 1963-B Federal Reserve notes] are not valuable. Uncirculated specimens sell for \$2 or less in most coin shops. Dealers might pay you about \$1.25 for an uncirculated bill.

Specimens which show wear [soiled or folded] from circulation are worth little, if anything, to a collector [except, of course, \$1].

Even though Barr was secretary of the Treasury for only 30 days at the end of President Johnson's administration, almost 400 million bills were printed with his signature. That's more than enough to satisfy collector demand.

Q — Do you know where I may purchase 1970 and 1975 proof sets? — A. B., Chicago.

A — You will have to get them from a coin collector or dealer. The U.S. Mint does not sell

proof sets from past years.

Dealers are selling 1970 proof sets for about \$9 and 1975 sets for about \$23 [the 1975 set includes a dollar coin; the 1970 set does not]. Coins in both sets were minted in San Francisco and carry the "S" mint mark.

If you want to receive order forms for 1977 proof sets [to be mailed in late March], write the Bureau of the Mint, 55 Mint St., San Francisco, Cal. 94103. Be sure to include a note asking to be placed on the mailing list for order forms.